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COUNTRY	Austria	25X1
TOPIC	55th Tank Instruction Battalion	REPORT
	Mortar Regiment	25X1
	and Medical Battalion	near Goetzendorf.
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1. Prior to 19 April 1954, the 55th Tank Instr Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div was located near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). The unit was organized into the headquarters, the driving school for motor transport officers, the 1st Instr Co for tank commanders and gunners, the 2d Instr Co for tank drivers, SP-gun drivers, and tank mechanics, and the supply company. The equipment of the tank instruction battalion included T-34/76 tanks, T-34/85 tanks, model 100 and model 122 SP guns, and Willys, ZIS, and GAS-63 trucks.

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Army mail was delivered directly from the main army post office after 20 April 1954, the proposed date for the moving of the headquarters of the 13th Gds Mech Div from Moedling (O 49/X 37) to Allentsteig (O 49/R 53). Officers of the headquarters and the driving school included Lieutenant Colonel Sakharev (fnu), battalion commander; Lieutenant Colonel Konorm (fnu), political officer; Major Serko (fnu), chief of staff; Captain Sortov (fnu), assistant to chief of staff; Major Monko (fnu), deputy commander in charge of rear services; Captain Kisilev (fnu), deputy for technical affairs; Major Potolok (fnu), engineer officer of the unit; Captain Novikov (fnu), signal officer; Captain Shklayev (fnu), artillery staff officer; Lieutenant Yakovlev (fnu), ration supply officer; Lieutenant Pechkarev (fnu), clothing supply officer; Lieutenant Yershalov (fnu), finance officer; and Major Kravchenko (fnu), commander of the driving school. 1

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2. Mortar Regt [] was also stationed near Goetzendorf. The unit was commanded by Colonel Boldasov (fnu), and was equipped with 120-mm mortars. In mid-April 1954, it moved to the Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) area from Goetzendorf.

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3. Medical Bn [] which was commanded by a major, was also stationed near Goetzendorf. In April 1954, this unit moved to Allentsteig. 3

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1. Comment. The present report again confirms the [] station of the 55th Tank Instr Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div in Goetzendorf. It furnishes definite information on the organization, and the tank and SP equipment, of the battalion. Of the officers mentioned the following were known previously:

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